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# Information You Need

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## Telehealth FAQ: You Asked, We Answered

Certain telemedicine services are already covered under the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) when provided to Medicare patients in accordance with regulations. In response to the public health emergency (PHE) for the COVID-19 pandemic, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has temporarily expanded telehealth coverage. [Learn More »](#)

## AMA Releases CPT® Errata and Technical Corrections

CPT® 2020 Category I errata and technical corrections released by the American Medical Association (AMA), are effective Jan. 1, 2020. If you have a CPT® 2020 code book, get out your marker. You'll need to know these changes to ensure correct coding for procedures with dates of service on or after Jan. 1. [Learn More »](#)

## New CPT Code for Reporting COVID-19 Test

On Jan. 30, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) disease outbreak a public health emergency of international concern. The outbreak has since been elevated to a pandemic and President Trump has declared the coronavirus pandemic a national emergency in the United States. Communities across the country are shutting down to limit public gatherings. The goal is to prevent COVID-19 from infecting the masses, for which our healthcare system is not prepared. [Learn More »](#)

## Code Change for Influenza Season 2020-2021

The [2019-2020 influenza season](#) is winding down, so now is a good time to start preparing for the 2020-2021 influenza season. Let's start with a new CPT® code for the flu vaccine. [Learn More »](#)

## April 1 Updates to MPFS Are no Joke

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has released payer and provider guidance. Make sure all coding and billing staff are aware of the Medicare fee schedule changes. [Learn More »](#)



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